



# Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology

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## Report - Tree Plantation Drive at VESIT (3/10/2019)

With the recent approval of the cutting down of more than 2700 trees at Aarey Colony getting a lot of attention and critic, we cannot ignore the fact that the average human's carbon footprint is increasing day by day. Cities are getting more polluted, animal species are dying fast and temperatures are rising due to rampant deforestation, and things will continue to get worse if humans do not take the correct steps to balance out nature.

In order to take a positive and practical step against deforestation, the Humanities and Applied Sciences Department of VESIT stepped up once again. Having recently conducted a very successful Beach Cleanup Initiative, Mr. Vivek Umrikar (HOD), Dr. Pooja Kundu and Dr. Susheel Dhuldhhar planned a Tree Plantation Drive for the FE and TE students of VESIT. For this, they decided to join hands with the **"Plant Tree for Me" Foundation**.

PTFM is one of the most famous NPOs around Mumbai. Mr. Sujit Rane, their representative who was present at the occasion, was much praised by the VESIT staff for handling the entire matter very efficiently on a very short notice. Their small group even conducted a proper survey of the land where the saplings had to be planted, dug holes accordingly and provided fertilizer in an extremely professional and timely manner.

The Drive started at 11 a.m. sharp at the VESIT Playground and more than 150 Engineering students took part in it. A total of 50 saplings of various medicinal or crop applications were planted, fertilized and watered. The FE students were instructed to look after and ensure that the saplings they planted grow as healthily as possible, whereas the TE students were appointed to serve as mentors to their juniors, and guide them along this journey. All the students were extremely excited and enthusiastic since this was a new experience for most of them and they felt a sense of responsibility towards the environment. Apart from students, teachers from almost all the departments took turns in planting one or the other saplings around the area and did their part in this very unique and first of its kind event.



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Fig. Active participation of faculty in tree plantation activity

The Humanities and Applied Sciences Department extends their warm gratitude to Principal Dr. Mrs. J.M Nair and Vice Principal Mrs. Vijayalakshmi for extending their full cooperation towards this initiative!



Fig. Tree plantation activity at VESIT

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